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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring policies at public institutions of higher
2 education for granting resident status to certain
3 individuals for purposes of paying postsecondary tuition and
4 fees.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT. The general
2 assembly finds that young people who were brought to this
3 country by their parents and who have been educated in the
4 state's accredited high schools or received a high school
5 equivalency diploma in this state and who wish to remain in
6 the state to attend college, start businesses, develop new
7 technologies, or work in Iowa's businesses and industries, are
8 Iowans by choice; it is therefore the intent of the general
9 assembly that these individuals be considered residents of the
10 state for purposes of determining tuition and fees at Iowa's
11 state postsecondary institutions.

12 Sec. 2. Section 260C.14, Code 2013, is amended by adding the
13 following new subsection:

14 NEW SUBSECTION. 24. Adopt a policy, to take effect
15 not later than January 1, 2014, relating to an additional
16 classification of students for purposes of determining tuition
17 and fees, that provides equal opportunity for granting resident
18 status to individuals who meet all of the following conditions:

19 a. Attended an accredited school in this state for at
20 least five years as of the date the individual graduated from
21 an accredited Iowa high school or received a high school
22 equivalency diploma in this state.

23 b. Is accepted for enrollment by the community college.

24 c. Was not required to pay tuition to attend a public high
25 school in this state.

26 d. Signs an affidavit, if the individual does not have a
27 social security number, stating that the individual will pursue
28 citizenship in the United States at the earliest possible time
29 the individual is able to do so.

30 Sec. 3. Section 262.9, Code 2013, is amended by adding the
31 following new subsection:

32 NEW SUBSECTION. 38. Adopt a policy, to take effect
33 not later than January 1, 2014, relating to an additional
34 classification of students for purposes of determining tuition
35 and fees, that provides equal opportunity for granting resident

1 status to individuals who meet all of the following conditions:

2 a. Attended an accredited school in this state for at
3 least five years as of the date the individual graduated from
4 an accredited Iowa high school or received a high school
5 equivalency diploma in this state.

6 *b.* Is accepted for enrollment by a university under the
7 control of the board.

8 c. Was not required to pay tuition to attend a public high
9 school in this state.

d. Signs an affidavit, if the individual does not have a social security number, stating that the individual will pursue citizenship in the United States at the earliest possible time the individual is able to do so.

EXPLANATION

15 This bill provides legislative findings and intent that
16 certain individuals be considered residents for purposes of
17 determining tuition and fees at Iowa's state postsecondary
18 institutions. The bill directs the board of directors of a
19 community college and the state board of regents to adopt
20 policies that take effect not later than January 1, 2014,
21 relating to an additional classification of students for
22 purposes of determining tuition and fees, which provide
23 equal opportunity for granting resident status to certain
24 individuals.

25 To meet the requirements of the policy, an individual
26 must have attended an accredited school in this state for
27 at least five years or received a high school equivalency
28 diploma in this state, be accepted for enrollment by a public
29 postsecondary institution in this state, must not have been
30 required to pay tuition to attend a public high school in this
31 state, and must sign an affidavit, if the individual does not
32 have a social security number, stating that the individual
33 will pursue U.S. citizenship at the earliest possible time the
34 individual is able to do so.